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RURAL PRODUCTION

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 1962

SCOPE

This bulletin summarizes detailed information published in Bulletins No. 20, "Livestock, 31st March 1962", and No. 23 "Cereals, Season 1961-62", recently issued from this Bureau, and shows in addition particulars concerning areas and yields of other crops, rural employment, use of artificial fertilizers, machinery on rural holdings, and direct oversea exports of rural produce. It also lists some South Australian records associated with rural production.

AREA AND UTILIZATION OF HOLDINGS

The total area of holdings increased slightly during 1961-62 to 156,897,000 acres. The area of 10,942,000 acres under cultivation (crops, sown pasture, and fallow) was 333,000 acres more than the previous highest of 10,609,000 acres in 1960-61. The total area of crops decreased from 4,966,000 acres in 1960-61 (the maximum in recent years) to 4,509,000 acres, the reduction being mainly in the area devoted to growing cereals for grain and hay.

The area sown to cereals for grain increased from 3,009,000 acres in 1957-58 to 4,083,000 acres in 1960-61 but declined in 1961-62 to 3,856,000 acres. The area under wheat for grain increased from 1,331,000 acres in 1957-58 to 2,229,000 acres in 1961-62. The greatest area sown to wheat for grain was 4,181,000 acres in 1930-31.

After increasing fairly steadily for thirty years from less than 20,000 acres in 1920-21 to 1,066,000 acres in 1950-51 the area sown to pastures increased rapidly during the subsequent eleven years to 5,245,000 acres in 1961-62. The increase of 646,000 acres in 1961-62 occurred mainly in three Divisions - South Eastern 235,000 acres, Western 166,000 acres, and Murray Mallee 125,000 acres.

TABLE 1 - AREA AND UTILIZATION OF RURAL HOLDINGS, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Particulars	1957-58	1958-59	1959-60	1960-61	1961-62
'000 Acres					
Cereals for grain	3,009	3,278	3,383	4,083	3,856
Field Peas (grain)	37	33	27	26	29
Hay	291	420	245	393	209
Green Forage	425	265	261	313	273
Vineyards	57	57	57	57	58
Orchards	35	37	37	38	38
Vegetables (a)	18	18	16	17	17
Other Crops	34	40	33	39	29
Total Crops	3,906	4,148	4,059	4,966	4,509
Sown Pastures -					
Lucerne	327	289	341	432	516
Clover & other	4,022	3,909	3,275	4,166	4,729
Fallow Land	753	954	726	1,045	1,188
Balance of Holdings	143,037	143,012	147,036	145,847	145,955
Total Area	152,045	152,312	155,437	156,456	156,897

(a) Includes areas of potatoes grown for seed but excludes areas of other vegetables grown for stock fodder or seed.

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

SIR:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th inst. in relation to the matter of the proposed amendment to the charter of the City of Chicago, and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours very truly,
J. H. HARRIS
Commissioner of the Bureau of Cities and Statistics

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RURAL
EMPLOYMENT

The following table shows for each of the last three years the number of persons employed in March and the value of wages paid (including keep where applicable) during the twelve months ended 31st March.

TABLE 2 - RURAL EMPLOYMENT (a), SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Particulars	1960		1961		1962	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
Permanent Workers -						
Owners, Occupiers, etc.	23,022	1,473	23,403	1,223	24,061	1,122
Unpaid relatives	2,690	519	2,626	522	1,734	462
Paid employees	8,059	592	7,926	551	7,947	499
Wages paid £'000	5,629	236	5,730	235	5,863	229
Temporary Workers (b) -						
Paid employees	17,308	4,638	17,116	4,626	15,140	4,661
Wages paid £'000	4,870	349	(c) 4,206	366	(c) 4,185	401

- (a) Excludes females engaged mainly in domestic duties and other workers engaged only part time.
 (b) Working full time during period of engagement.
 (c) Excludes payments for construction or development work.

ARTIFICIAL
FERTILIZERS
USED

The decrease in area under crop and the increase in the area of sown pastures in 1961-62 were matched by corresponding changes in areas fertilized (see Table 4). Of the 195,000 tons of superphosphate used on crops 13,000 tons contained trace elements while 26,000 tons with trace elements were included in the 197,000 tons used on pastures. There has been very little change in recent years in the proportion of area under crop fertilized and in the quantity of fertilizer per acre applied to crops and pasture.

TABLE 3 - PRINCIPAL CROPS AND PASTURE FERTILIZED, SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 1961

Particulars	Area Fertilized	Fertilizers Used		Total per acre
		Superphosphate	Other	
	Acres	Tons	Tons	Lb.
Wheat (all purposes)	2,190,699	101,025	484	103.8
Vegetables	12,632	3,221	3,742	1,234.7
Fruit and Vines	51,501	3,655	6,624	447.1
Other Crops	1,807,989	86,825	471	108.2
Total Crops	4,062,821	194,726	11,321	113.6
Pastures	3,582,629	196,637	1,549	123.9
Grand Total	7,645,450	391,363	12,870	118.4

TABLE 4 - CROPS FERTILIZED AND PASTURES TOP-DRESSED, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Particulars	Unit	1958	1959	1960	1961
Crops fertilized	'000 acres	3,692	3,679	4,326	4,063
Fertilizer used	ton	192,168	188,733	209,387	206,047
Cropped area fertilized	%	89.0	90.6	87.1	90.1
Fertilizer per acre	lb.	116.6	114.9	108.4	113.6
Pastures fertilized	'000 acres	3,716	3,471	3,300	3,583
Fertilizer used	ton	218,728	202,895	189,704	198,186
Fertilizer per acre	lb.	131.9	130.9	128.8	123.9

1. The first part of the report deals with the general situation of the country and the progress of the work during the year.

2. The second part of the report deals with the results of the work during the year.

No.		Description		Amount	
1	100	100	100	100	100
2	200	200	200	200	200
3	300	300	300	300	300
4	400	400	400	400	400
5	500	500	500	500	500
6	600	600	600	600	600
7	700	700	700	700	700
8	800	800	800	800	800
9	900	900	900	900	900
10	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
11	1100	1100	1100	1100	1100
12	1200	1200	1200	1200	1200
13	1300	1300	1300	1300	1300
14	1400	1400	1400	1400	1400
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25	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500
26	2600	2600	2600	2600	2600
27	2700	2700	2700	2700	2700
28	2800	2800	2800	2800	2800
29	2900	2900	2900	2900	2900
30	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000
31	3100	3100	3100	3100	3100
32	3200	3200	3200	3200	3200
33	3300	3300	3300	3300	3300
34	3400	3400	3400	3400	3400
35	3500	3500	3500	3500	3500
36	3600	3600	3600	3600	3600
37	3700	3700	3700	3700	3700
38	3800	3800	3800	3800	3800
39	3900	3900	3900	3900	3900
40	4000	4000	4000	4000	4000
41	4100	4100	4100	4100	4100
42	4200	4200	4200	4200	4200
43	4300	4300	4300	4300	4300
44	4400	4400	4400	4400	4400
45	4500	4500	4500	4500	4500
46	4600	4600	4600	4600	4600
47	4700	4700	4700	4700	4700
48	4800	4800	4800	4800	4800
49	4900	4900	4900	4900	4900
50	5000	5000	5000	5000	5000
51	5100	5100	5100	5100	5100
52	5200	5200	5200	5200	5200
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60	6000	6000	6000	6000	6000
61	6100	6100	6100	6100	6100
62	6200	6200	6200	6200	6200
63	6300	6300	6300	6300	6300
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66	6600	6600	6600	6600	6600
67	6700	6700	6700	6700	6700
68	6800	6800	6800	6800	6800
69	6900	6900	6900	6900	6900
70	7000	7000	7000	7000	7000
71	7100	7100	7100	7100	7100
72	7200	7200	7200	7200	7200
73	7300	7300	7300	7300	7300
74	7400	7400	7400	7400	7400
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80	8000	8000	8000	8000	8000
81	8100	8100	8100	8100	8100
82	8200	8200	8200	8200	8200
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AREA AND
YIELD OF
CROPS

Tables 5, 6, 7, and 8, show details of areas and yields of the principal crops grown in South Australia during 1961-62 compared with similar details for previous years.

The yields of cereals, hay, and field peas, were all considerably lower in 1961-62 than in the high rainfall year of 1960-61. More detail of the 1961-62 cereal harvest is contained in Bulletin No. 23 of 1962, "Cereals, Season 1961-62".

TABLE 5 - CEREALS AND HAY : AREA AND YIELD, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Particulars	Unit	1957-58	1958-59	1959-60	1960-61	1961-62
Wheat -						
Area for grain	'000 acres	1,331	1,407	1,549	1,969	2,229
Yield	'000 bush.	14,914	32,032	11,929	46,396	33,854
Yield per acre	bush.	11.20	22.76	7.70	23.56	15.19
Barley -						
Area for grain	'000 acres	1,212	1,332	1,290	1,556	1,271
Yield	'000 bush.	17,552	37,664	11,857	42,233	21,292
Yield per acre	bush.	14.48	28.27	9.19	27.15	16.75
Oats -						
Area for grain	'000 acres	427	481	505	512	324
Yield	'000 bush.	3,423	11,992	2,504	11,478	4,391
Yield per acre	bush.	8.01	24.93	4.95	22.41	13.57
Rye -						
Area for grain	'000 acres	39	57	37	46	32
Yield	'000 bush.	152	446	125	264	167
Yield per acre	bush.	3.91	7.81	3.35	5.73	5.18
Field Peas -						
Area for grain	'000 acres	37	34	27	26	29
Yield	'000 bush.	188	518	58	358	256
Yield per acre	bush.	5.07	15.44	2.17	13.71	8.93
Hay (all Kinds) -						
Area	'000 acres	291	420	245	393	209
Yield	'000 tons	304	672	206	616	286
Yield per acre	ton	1.05	1.60	0.84	1.57	1.37

TABLE 6 - VEGETABLES (a) : AREA AND PRODUCTION, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Vegetable	Acres		Unit	Yields	
	1960-61	1961-62		1960-61	1961-62
Beans - French	318	282	bush.	54,221	55,947
Beetroot	140	127	ton	1,044	937
Cabbage	380	368	doz.	168,606	167,047
Carrots	305	343	ton	4,001	4,367
Cauliflowers	450	494	doz.	196,029	182,259
Celery	331	348	crate	194,469	216,892
Lettuce	404	445	case	215,291	237,916
Onions	657	753	ton	5,947	6,915
Parsnips	70	72	ton	660	718
Peas - Green	5,908	4,894	bush.	385,761	293,059
Potatoes (b)	5,209	5,316	ton	40,797	48,479
Pumpkins etc.	949	944	ton	5,556	4,845
Tomatoes	1,250	1,422	bush.	609,059	760,667
Turnips	265	234	ton	1,660	1,543
All other	673	699	..	..	..
Total	17,309	16,741	..	..	..

(a) Vegetables grown for human consumption. Excludes vegetables grown for stock fodder or seed (see also footnote (b)).

(b) Includes potatoes grown for seed.

The area under vines (bearing and non-bearing) in 1961-62 was 57,836 acres (53,004 acres bearing and 4,832 acres non-bearing). Peak area was 62,121 acres in 1953-54. The 30,836,000 gallons of wine produced in 1961-62 exceeded by 4,436,000 gallons the previous record of 26,400,000 gallons produced in 1957-58. The quantity of grapes harvested (the preliminary figure is 215,707 tons) was very close to the record harvest of 215,736 tons in 1952-53.

TABLE 7 - VINEYARDS : AREA AND PRODUCTION, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Particulars	Acres Bearing		Yield		
	1960-61	1961-62	Unit	1960-61	1961-62
Vines -					
Wine grapes	42,287	42,306	ton	137,694	172,008(b)
Table grapes	269	208	ton	1,067	1,037
Drying grapes	10,358	10,490	ton	39,529	42,662(b)
Total	52,914	53,004		178,290	215,707(b)
Produce -					
Wine (a)	..	..	'000 gal.	25,061	30,836(b)
Dried fruit -					
Currants	..	..	cwt	90,860	55,640(b)
Sultanas	..	..	cwt	115,900	170,240(b)
Raisins	..	..	cwt	19,120	17,900(b)

(a) Excludes fortifying spirits added. (b) Preliminary.

The total area of orchards has been increasing steadily in recent years, and records have been established in each year from 1956-57 (33,998 acres) to 1961-62 (38,548 acres). In 1961-62 record yields of apricots, oranges, peaches, and pears, were obtained.

TABLE 8 - ORCHARDS : BEARING TREES AND YIELD, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Variety	Bearing Trees		Yield		
	1960-61	1961-62	Unit	1960-61	1961-62
Almonds	290,178	303,203	cwt	15,452	17,314
Apples	555,190	545,559	bush.	1,253,706	1,275,710
Apricots	356,750	364,293	bush.	755,560	806,347
Cherries	52,603	52,251	bush.	45,730	49,636
Citrus -					
Lemons, Limes	19,604	19,906	bush.	39,338	38,933
Navel Oranges	312,060	319,998	bush.	816,484	891,643
Valencia Oranges	293,721	313,121	bush.	686,400	964,058
Other Citrus	53,404	54,165	bush.	180,626	191,127
Figs	15,893	14,016	bush.	20,633	15,893
Nectarines	16,606	17,575	bush.	28,486	33,716
Olives	35,825	33,323	cwt	4,852	(b)
Peaches	298,364	348,493	bush.	573,086	842,409
Pears	154,766	164,988	bush.	337,332	434,480
Plums, Prunes	108,728	106,131	bush.	123,375	104,034

(b) Not yet available.

BEEKEEPING

The production of honey and beeswax fluctuates considerably from year to year, depending upon seasonal conditions. The average yield of honey per productive hive in 1961-62 was 136.6 lb. and honey production was the highest since the record of 10,906,000 lb. obtained in 1948-49.

TABLE 9 - BEEKEEPING : HIVES AND PRODUCTION (a), SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Particulars	1957-58	1958-59	1959-60	1960-61	1961-62
Beekeepers	936	838	823	838	906
Productive Hives	56,245	56,478	59,242	47,298	61,545
Unproductive Hives	27,831	16,569	11,504	18,658	10,162
Honey lb.	4,150,911	5,452,852	7,220,602	4,442,217	8,404,895
Beeswax lb.	86,488	80,173	106,211	59,227	123,298

(a) Excludes particulars for producers having less than 5 hives.

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LIVESTOCK

During the season 1961-62 the numbers of all livestock except horses increased, and at 31st March 1962 the numbers of sheep, beef cattle, and dairy cattle, in South Australia were the highest ever recorded.

New records were also set for the wool clip (shorn wool), total wool production, lambs marked, and the production of cheese and milk.

TABLE 10 - LIVESTOCK : NUMBERS AND PRODUCTION, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Particulars	1957-58	1958-59	1959-60	1960-61	1961-62
Stock at end of year -			'000		
Sheep	15,237	15,634	14,025	14,952	16,415
Cattle -					
Dairy Cows (a)	191	188	170	170	183
Other Dairy	68	61	70	77	92
Beef	338	328	260	313	385
Horses	36	33	30	27	26
Pigs	108	98	109	144	170
Poultry	n.a.	1,322	1,857	1,966	2,132
Lambing -					
Ewes mated	6,568	6,010	6,746	5,797	7,076
Lambs marked	5,056	4,572	5,245	4,192	5,644
Slaughterings -					
Sheep	1,894	1,760	2,236	1,573	1,644
Lambs	1,384	1,385	1,663	1,211	1,471
Cattle and Calves	283	287	238	174	201
Pigs	175	179	171	183	231
Production -			'000 Lb.		
Wool Clip	168,194	170,645	180,236	162,876	192,205
Wool Production (b)	185,843	186,842	198,289	177,413	(c) 207,262
Butter	16,061	16,103	14,151	15,610	(c) 16,879
Cheese	23,510	25,088	24,483	28,345	(c) 32,832
Bacon and Ham	6,997	6,875	6,979	7,035	(c) 6,968
			'000 Gallons		
Milk	80,600	82,070	78,484	87,030	(c) 94,349

(a) Includes cows, "in milk" and "dry", and "springing" heifers.

(b) Includes wool exported on skins and dead and fellmongered wool.

(c) Preliminary.

n.a. Not available.

MACHINERY

Numbers of principal machines on rural holdings at 31st March in each of the last five years are shown in the following table:-

TABLE 11 - MACHINERY ON RURAL HOLDINGS, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Particulars	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962
	Number				
Tractors - Wheeled	24,100	25,342	25,774	27,269	28,289
Crawler	3,188	3,190	3,191	3,405	3,499
Rotary Hoes	3,507	4,015	4,106	4,620	4,873
Fertilizer Distributors	6,895	7,545	7,695	8,000	8,271
Drills and Combines	18,452	19,278	19,608	19,760	20,086
Harvesters etc.	13,024	13,053	13,006	12,799	12,831
Hay Presses	689	715	700	719	655
Hay Balers	2,184	2,732	2,941	3,422	3,534
Milking Machines - No.	7,344	7,537	7,575	7,589	7,707
Units	17,206	17,777	17,920	18,235	18,831
Shearing Machines - No.	13,280	13,778	13,973	14,317	14,532
Stands	24,697	25,586	26,049	26,568	27,278

PRODUCTION
RECORDS

New records were established in the 1961-62 season for the production of wine, apricots, oranges, peaches, pears, wool, lambs, and cheese, for the numbers of sheep, beef cattle, and dairy cattle, at 31st March, and for the area under sown pastures.

TABLE 12 - RURAL INDUSTRY : RECORD PRODUCTION, NUMBERS, ETC., SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Item	Unit	Quantity	Year	Item	Unit	Quantity	Year
Cereals -				Livestock			
Total yield -				Numbers -			
Wheat	'000 bush.	48,093	1931-32	Sheep	'000	16,415	1961-62
Barley	'000 bush.	42,233	1960-61	Beef cattle	'000	385	1961-62
Oats	'000 bush.	11,992	1958-59	Dairy cattle	'000	274	1961-62
Yield/acre -				Horses	'000	284	1912-13
Wheat (a)	bush.	23.56	1960-61	Pigs	'000	190	1939-40
Barley (a)	bush.	28.27	1958-59	Production -			
Oats (a)	bush.	24.93	1958-59	Wool -			
Vineyards -				Clip	'000 lb.	192,205	1961-62
Grapes (b)	ton	215,736	1952-53	Production	'000 lb.	(c)207,262	1961-62
Currants	cwt	209,140	1943-44	Lambs marked	'000	5,644	1961-62
Raisins	cwt	117,505	1953-54	Butter	'000 lb.	22,938	1939-40
Sultanas	cwt	333,300	1943-44	Cheese	'000 lb.	(c)32,832	1961-62
Wine	'000 gal.	(c)30,836	1961-62	Bacon & ham	'000 lb.	11,735	1945-46
Orchards -				Honey	'000 lb.	10,906	1948-49
Almonds	cwt	17,937	1949-50	Area under -			
Apples	'000 bush.	1,750	1940-41	Crop	'000 acres	5,426	1930-31
Apricots	'000 bush.	806	1961-62	Fallow	'000 acres	2,607	1932-33
Oranges	'000 bush.	1,925	1961-62	Sown pastures	'000 acres	5,245	1961-62
Pears	'000 bush.	434	1961-62				

- (a) Slightly greater yields per acre were recorded from small acreages over 100 years ago.
 (b) Includes fresh grapes used for drying.
 (c) Preliminary.

DIRECT
OVERSEA
EXPORTS

The following table shows the quantities of principal rural products exported overseas from South Australian ports during the last five years; OVERSEA EXPORTS VIA OTHER STATES ARE EXCLUDED.

TABLE 13 - RURAL PRODUCTS : PRINCIPAL OVERSEA EXPORTS, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Commodity	Unit	1957-58	1958-59	1959-60	1960-61	1961-62 (a)
Butter	'000 lb.	968	1,039	596	607	465
Cheese	'000 lb.	5,800	8,972	8,976	11,164	15,706
Eggs - In Shell	'000 doz.	1,301	323	-	79	421
Not in Shell	'000 lb.	1,960	278	55	546	864
Fruit, Dried - Currants	'000 lb.	8,037	8,111	5,171	6,346	5,225
Raisins	'000 lb.	22,167	22,324	14,802	12,959	14,509
Other	'000 lb.	1,010	2,344	4,341	4,147	3,427
Fresh - Apples	'000 bush.	353	222	364	245	324
Preserved, Pulped	'000 lb.	13,099	9,543	16,745	14,503	21,130
Flour (including Semolina)	ton	56,650	54,089	59,670	72,424	82,780
Grain - Wheat	'000 bush.	14,748	14,386	11,161	23,911	31,134
Barley	'000 bush.	17,592	17,683	13,705	22,427	24,768
Oats	'000 bush.	454	2,107	18	406	1,148
Honey	'000 lb.	3,717	1,116	2,517	3,140	3,069
Meat (Lamb)	'000 lb.	16,732	21,475	12,145	10,079	5,465
Sheep Skins	'000	3,425	3,061	4,213	2,977	3,161
Wine	'000 gal.	1,401	1,671	1,676	1,813	1,568
Wool - Greasy	'000 lb.	117,256	132,347	132,704	133,261	157,686
Other	'000 lb.	11,256	12,781	13,035	10,316	14,332

- (a) Preliminary.

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